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Property Name: Mt. Philista Poultry Farm/	Day Farm	Inventory Number:	HO-1113
Address: 799 Sykesville Road (MD 32)		Historic district:	yes X no
City: Sykesville	Zip Code: 21784	County: Howard	
USGS Quadrangle(s): Sykesville			
Property Owner: Larry Bruce Litt		Tax Account ID Number:	03-285480
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 0022 0002	Tax Map Numb	er: 004	
Project: MD 32 from S. of Day Road to N.	of W. Friendship Road Wide Agency	v: Maryland State High	way Administration
Agency Prepared By: Skelly and Loy, Inc.		,	
Preparer's Name: Gerald M. Kuncio		Date Prepared: 10	0/24/2012
Documentation is presented in: Project Rev	view and Compliance Files		
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:	Eligibility recommended	X Eligibil	ity not recommended
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Site visit by MHT Staff yes	no Name:		Date:
Description of Property and Justification: (Final Description: Mt. Philista Poultry Farm/Day Farm (HO-11 intersection with Day Road, approximately oproperty contains 60.6 acres of land, which is does not appear to be under cultivation at thi [USGS] quadrangle map) shows the farm's in made within the historic boundaries of the property contains five historic building of frame construction. The farmhouse was be since then. The two-story high main block fawith hipped roof dormers on the west, north, front is a deep porch with an uncoursed stone.	13) is located on the east side of Mary me and one-quarter miles south of Syks in the Howard County Agricultural I is time. The tax parcel boundary (see regular shape and instances were non operty. s: a farmhouse, barn, carriage barn and uilt in the American Foursquare style aces west and is four bays wide and two and south sides. Its foundation is corrected.	Resville in District 3, How Land Preservation Program attached United States Gen- historic houses and their and corn crib, and two small in 1913, and it has had a man to bays deep and topped bencrete or concrete pargeted	ard County. The n, but the property ological Survey entrances have been all outbuildings. All are number of alterations y a pyramidal roof al stone. Across the
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which in turn support a half-hipped roof. When built, the porch extended across the entire front façade and wrapped partway around the south side of the house. Currently, there is a one-story, one bay by one bay room at the southwest corner of the porch, built on a portion of the original porch walls. It has paired windows with vertical mullions on the west and south sides.

The farmhouse has a number of other additions. On the south side of the main block is a two story high, one bay wide, and one bay deep addition with a concrete block foundation and a shallow shed roof. Across the rear elevation (east side) is a full length, one story screened porch with a flat roof. The screened porch is one bay deep except at the northeast corner, where it extends out to two bays. The house has multiple chimneys. An interior brick one pierces the roof near its peak. A metal exterior chimney is centered on the north side of the house; its lower portion is encased and covered with vinyl siding. There are also brick exterior chimneys on the south exterior wall of the two story addition and on the rear exterior wall, where the lower portion is within the screened porch. The entire house is finished with wide vinyl siding, and all windows except one are one over one metal replacements.

The barn is located behind and slightly to the northeast of the farmhouse. It is frame, two stories high, four bays long, two bays wide, and topped by a standing seam metal sided gambrel roof. There are four shed roof wall dormers on each side of the roof. Each opening contains a one over one metal sash. There are two similar windows in the south side gambrel end of the building. The barn is built into a shallow-pitched hillside, and much of the west side first story is not visible. The foundation is concrete block; the barn is finished with vertical barn and metal siding. There is a pedestrian door accessed by wood steps on the north end. Double barn doors are located at the south end.

The carriage barn/corn crib is located to the north of the farmhouse. The building is two stories high, two bays wide, and two bays deep. It is supported by concrete block piers and finished with vertical board siding. The gable end roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The bays are open at the south end. There appears to be a corn crib between them. Above them is a loft space accessed by a door in the south gable and also by a set of interior stairs.

Directly behind the house are two small, one story outbuildings. Both are one bay wide by one bay deep and topped by standing seam metal roofs. The one closest to the house has shake siding, a single pedestrian door on the west side, and a shed roof, open lean-to addition on the south side. The rearward building has weatherboard siding and double doors on the south side.

Twentieth and twenty-first century aerial photographs show that a second barn was located to the east of the barn. It last appears on the 2006 aerial (Howard County Aerial Photography Viewer 2012). The former farmhouse yard located between the various buildings has been paved over to create a parking area and driveway.

History:

The Howard County Assessment Office lists the farmhouse at 799 Sykesville Road as dating to 1894. However, historic deeds and tax assessment records, plus the architectural style of the house, indicate that a 1913 construction date is more likely.

In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, much of the land immediately south of the South Branch Patapsco River and Sykesville, along what is now MD 32/Sykesville Road, was owned by Robert Dorsey of Edward. In 1838, Dorsey and his wife sold approximately one hundred acres of this land on the east side of Sykesville Road, including what became the Day Farm, to John Thompson (Anne Arundel Deeds 1838:257). Thompson was a farmer. The 1850 agricultural census schedule lists him as owning in excess of 200 acres of land. His chief crops were wheat, corn, oats, Irish potatoes, and hay (U.S. Census 1850).

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Thompson died ca. 1855. His will devised the 100 acre tract to his wife for the remainder of her life; it was then to pass to his four children (Howard County Deeds 1872:535). An 1860 map of Howard County shows a house belonging to Mrs. Thompson on the land (Figure 1; Martenet 1860); it would have been an earlier house on the property.

Following the death of Mrs. Thompson, the children apparently could not come to an amicable division of the land. Consequently, in 1870 Thompson's trustees sold the property to Jacob Zimmerman and Louis Schultz, who would own it until 1883 (Howard County Deeds 1872:535 and 1883:190). Zimmerman and Schultz ran a dry goods store in Sykesville (Greenberg 2002:11, 21, 24). An 1878 map of Howard County shows A. Harding as possibly residing on the property (Figure 2; Hopkins 1878). Again, this would have been an earlier house, not the current American Foursquare. The 1880 agricultural census schedule lists Zimmerman and Schultz as owning 175 acres of farmland in Howard County, of which 100 acres were improved. However, the only portions listed as cultivated were 10 acres for buckwheat, one acre in apples, and 10 acres as a woodlot (U.S. Census 1880). The remainder may have been operated by a tenant.

Zimmerman and Schultz sold the property in 1883 and two years later a parcel estimated at 97 acres was purchased by James L. Britton of Howard County for \$2,400 (Howard County Deeds 1885:191). The value of Britton's land and of the improvements to the land both increased after 1896 (Howard County Assessment Record 1896:24). This could indicate that Britton built a house. It is speculated that the house currently sits on a neighboring property, the Renehan Property.

Britton lost the land in 1905 (Howard County Deeds 1905:608). The man who bought it at public auction sold two separate parcels in 1909 to Rachel F. Day, one parcel of seven acres and a second of 95 acres (Howard County Deeds 1909:193 and 1909:351). In 1912, Day sold the seven acre parcel to Aloysius and Mary I. Renehan (Howard County Deeds 1912:527). This parcel would have included Britton's farmhouse. The following year (1913), Day was assessed for a new dwelling on her property, valued at \$1,200. It is assumed this marked the construction of the house currently on the property; the American Foursquare architectural style would have been popular in 1913. A new barn valued at \$400 was added to the property in 1916 (Howard County Assessment Record 1917). It is assumed this is the large barn currently on the property.

The 1910 and 1920 population censuses of Howard County list Rachel Day (also known as Frances R. Day) and her husband Robert as general farmers. By 1920 their family had grown to include five children (U.S. Census 1910:5B and 1920:3A). The 1930 population census lists Robert Day as a poultry farmer with his farm valued at \$20,000 (U.S. Census 1930:8B). Buying the land and upgrading the buildings seemed to have stretched the resources of the Days, however. In addition to the seven acre parcel sold to the Renehans in 1912, in 1916 they sold 26.4 acres to Samuel Belt (Howard County Deeds 1916:416). These conveyances and a number of smaller transactions left them with a farm of approximately 60 acres known as the "Mt. Philista Poultry Farm." In 1925, the Days took out two mortgages with the Monarch Permanent Building and Loan Association of Baltimore, putting up their land as security. In 1940, Robert Day and his second wife, Clara (it is not known what happened to Rachel Day) defaulted on both mortgages. Monarch assumed control of the farm but then reconveyed it to the Days in exchange for a mortgage of \$2,800 (Howard County Deeds 1940:526).

Perhaps because of this financial difficulty, Robert Day's occupation is listed in the 1940 population census as a game warden. His 29 year old son, Marshall, was living at home and his occupation was given as farmer. He undoubtedly operated the farm. Three other children and three lodgers also lived on the property. The census record is difficult to read; it appears to say Marshall Day operated a "Bean Farm" (U.S. Census 1940:23B), probably along with raising chickens. This would be consistent with the agricultural history of the area. Commercial canning operations appeared along the Patapsco River around 1890 (Foertschbeck 2011:11). The appearance of canneries coincided with a shift in agriculture in Maryland during the late nineteenth century. The westward movement of large-scale grain production had reduced Maryland's agricultural importance to the nation, transforming the state's economy into one dominated by manufacturing. Central Maryland, including Howard County, had shifted primarily to dairy

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production by the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (University of Maryland 2009). The farmland in the vicinity of the project area was also known for fruit and vegetable production, thanks to the presence of canneries in both Howard and Carroll counties. Sykesville-area canneries included the B.F. Skinner Company and A.H. Renehan & Son. B.F. Skinner was known for packing predominantly peas and sweet corn and A.H. Renehan & Son for processing apples and fruit (Barrow 1987:51-52; Brockett 2001:8.5; Foertschbeck 2011:12).

In 1957, Robert Day sold the 70 acre farm to James B. and Joyce Frothingham. They, in turn, passed the property along to their son, James R. and his wife Leona Lee in 1976 (Howard County Deeds 1976:721). In 2003, the Frothinghams created the Frothingham Farm Living Trust, granting Howard County a perpetual easement for the preservation of agricultural land (Howard County Deeds 2003:68).

National Register of Historic Places Evaluation

The Mt. Philista Poultry Farm/Day Farm (HO-1113) property is not eligible for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing due to the farmhouse's lack of integrity. The farmhouse has undergone many changes since its 1913 construction. These include numerous additions, including the two story addition at the south end of the house; the one-story addition at the southwest corner of the main block, which removed a portion of the original wraparound porch; and the full width screened porch at the rear. In addition, the house is now finished with wide vinyl siding and all windows are one over one metal replacements. The outbuildings have integrity, but this cannot overcome the alterations made to the house. Because of the changes, the farmstead can no longer convey its historic significance or appearance.

Additionally, the Mt. Philista Poultry Farm/Day Farm is not significant under NRHP Criterion A, B, or C. No detail on the operation of the farm under the Days' ownership could be gleaned from the historical record. The farm and its owners are not mentioned in county histories, the collections of the Maryland State Archives or Howard County Historical Society, or internet sources. From the limited information that can be gleaned from the U.S. population census and from Howard County tax assessment records and deeds, the farm seems to have been fairly typical for its location, a mixed use general and poultry farm. It is not significant in association with Howard County agriculture, and there is no record the Days made a significant contribution to the history of the region. For these reasons, the property is not significant under NRHP Criteria A or B. The farm also is not significant under NRHP Criterion C for architecture. The farmhouse, as noted above, is an extensively altered example of American Foursquare style architecture. American Foursquare style houses from the first quarter of the twentieth century are very common. Many examples remain, and only those with original, unaltered, character-defining features are eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion C.

The Renehan Property was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of this assessment.

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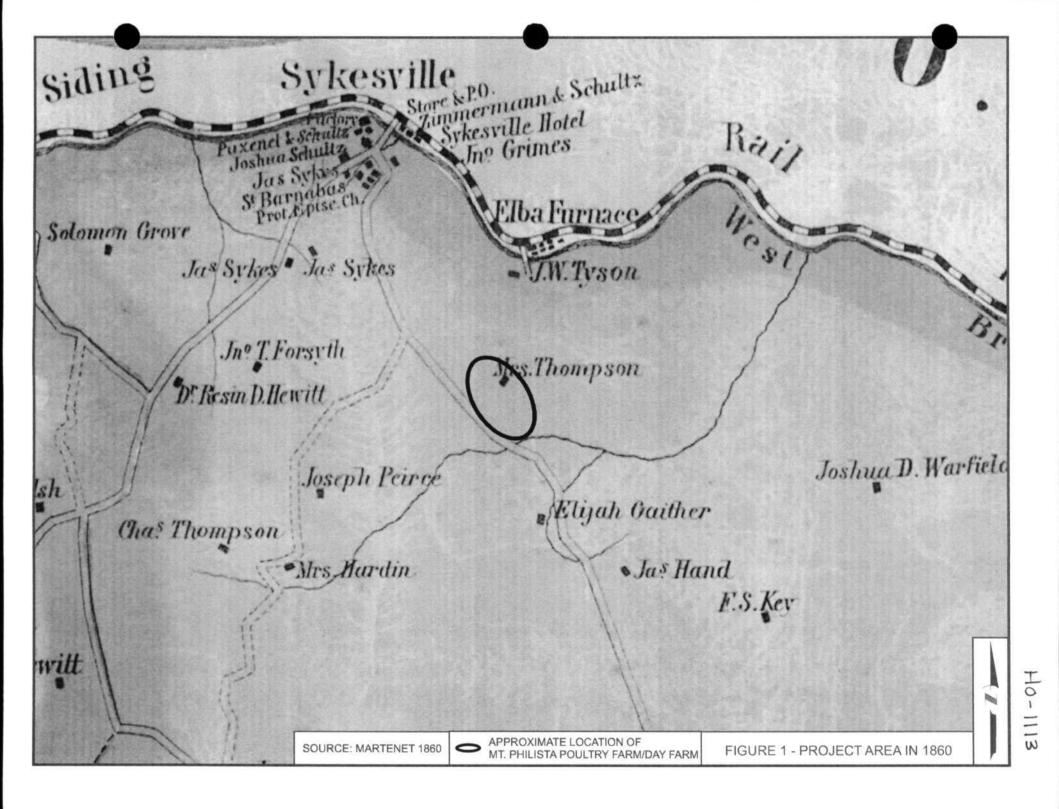
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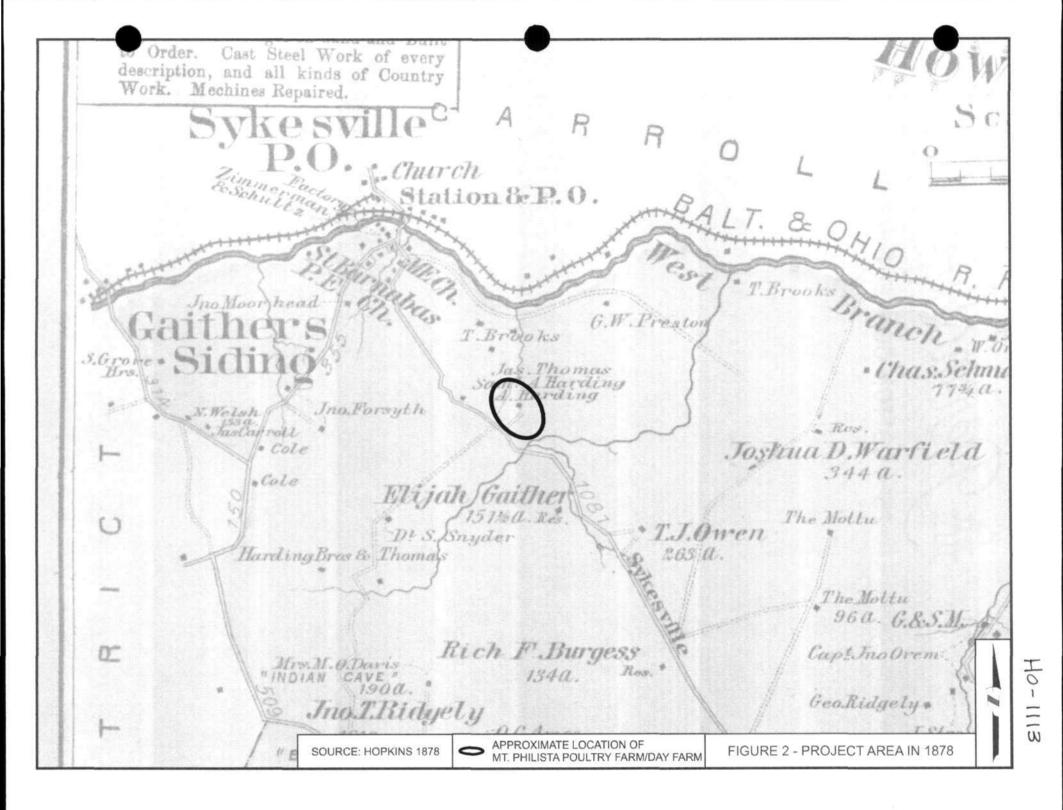
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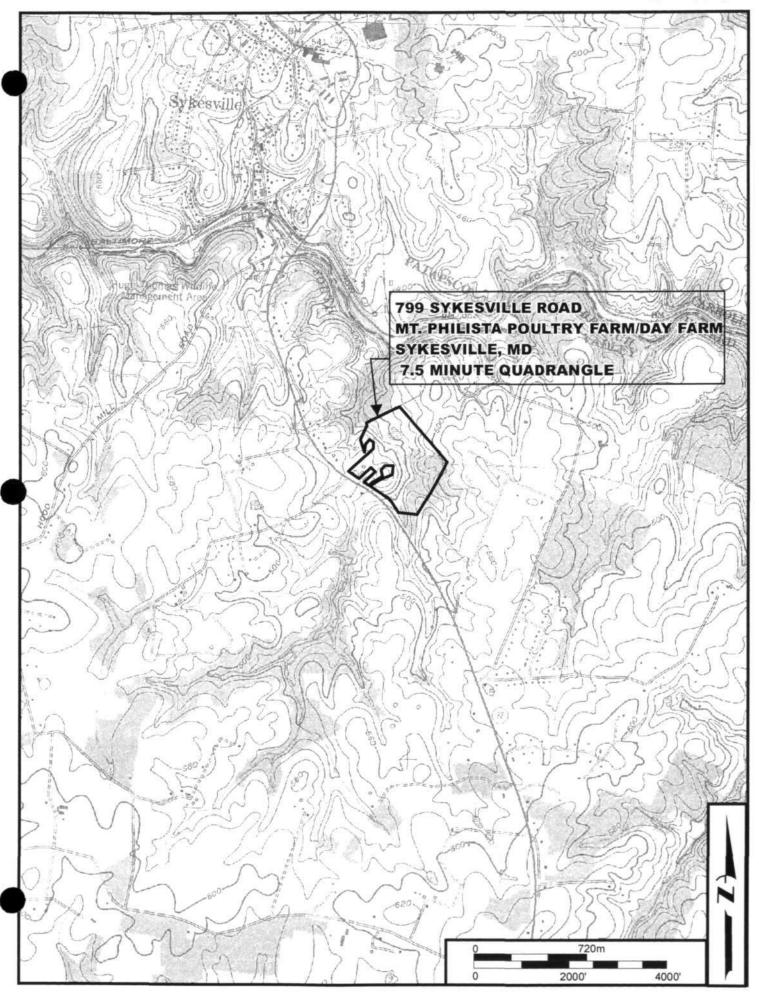
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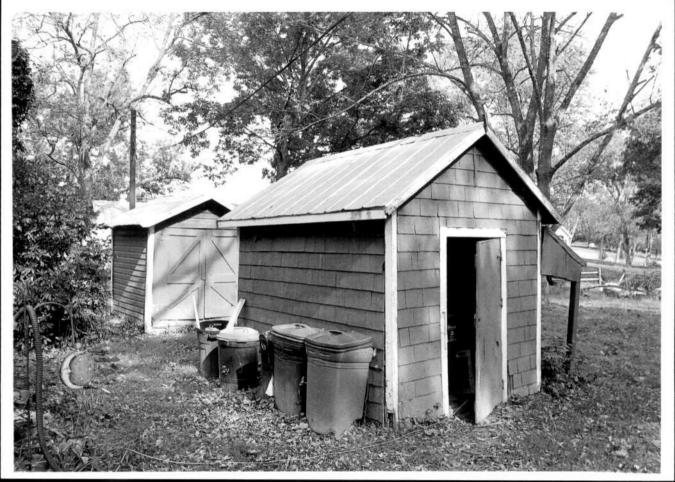


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